

Minnesota Broadband Speed Test Initiative/Minnesota Rural Broadband Coalition

RAMS (Range Association of Municipalities and Public Schools) is pleased to announce this project in partnership with the MN Rural Broadband Coalition. The collection of real time, from home speed tests will enable more communities to seek grant funding for broadband expansion projects.

As we move towards the re-opening of our schools this September, we are assessing our internet connectivity in the Aitkin School District. We have worked on 3 plans, distance or remote learning; in school all day every day or a hybrid combination of some days in school some at home. The district recognizes to accomplish a successful learning experience for our children, we need to be certain that students are connected and have the proper devices to allow them to receive and send curriculum assignments. The district will be providing the devices, Computers or iPads. More important is assuring that the student has a connection with enough bandwidth to allow the reception of assignments from their instructor(s) and the ability to upload and return assignments to the school. Please take this 30 second speed test from your home that will reveal what service you have and if it has adequate bandwidth to support on line learning. Click on this link <http://mnruralbroadbandcoalition.com/speedtest>. If you complete your address it makes our results better. If you do not have any internet connection at home, filling out your address when you are connected will identify that location on the map with a black dot and again that is important information. The results of the speed test will enable us to look at any and all solutions to help us secure a broadband connection for our students.

If you have previously taken this speed test, please ignore this request.

Thanks for your participation in the this internet speed test! Dan Stifter, Superintendent